

Application No. 10/668,339

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs [0007], [0016], [0017] and [0019] as indicated below.

[0007] The inventive air bag module may comprise an air bag with an air bag opening. ~~[[Two]]~~ Four or more ~~of flap flaps~~ extend around the opening. An air bag inflator is in communication with the air bag opening. The air bag module has a housing with ~~two or more~~ slots extending around an opening of the air bag housing. The flaps extend through the slots and are attached to hooks on the exterior surface of the housing. The hooks may be located above the slots so that the flaps may be passed through the slots and folded up over the hooks.

[0016] FIGS. 2 and 3 illustrate ~~[[an]]~~ a four sided air bag housing 26. FIG. 2 is a bottom view of the air bag housing 26 and shows the location of the slots 30 relative to the hooks 38. As shown, the slots 30 line the periphery of the housing 26. In FIG. 3 a slot 33 is located on the side of the housing 26 and is accordingly not visible in FIG. 2. FIG. 3 illustrates the slots 30 as well as a slot 33 at least one slot 30, 33 on each exterior side of said housing from a top view perspective.

[0017] The housing 26 has an air bag housing interior 42 and an air bag housing exterior 46. Within the interior 42 is an air bag inflator 14, contained within a bottom portion 50 of the housing 26. The air bag housing 26 further has an air bag housing opening 54 to receive folded a air bag 18 (not shown). Moreover, the air bag housing opening 54 is the opening through which the air bag 18 deploys as shown in FIG. 1. FIG. 3 illustrates how the slots 30 and a slot 33 collectively surround the air bag housing opening 54 on each exterior side of housing 26.

[0019] FIG. 5 illustrates how the air bag 18 is attached to an air bag housing 26. As shown, flaps 22 are passed through slots 30, 33 in the direction indicated in the drawing by a first arrow 1. After they pass through slots 30, 33 the flaps 22 are then turned in the direction indicated in the drawing by a second arrow F, here a direction generally opposite to the direction of the first arrow 1, and folded and hooked over the hooks 38 of the air bag housing 26. In this fashion, the air bag 18 is secured to the air bag housing 26. Although this design shows the air bag 18 with eight flaps, eight slots and eight hooks, other designs may use ~~[[two]]~~ four or more flaps or slots to secure the air bag 18 to the four sided air bag housing 26.